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23	U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE	
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- THE CLERK: Case Number 22-70914, Brickchurch
- 3 Enterprise, Inc.
- 4 THE COURT: I'll take appearances, please, starting
- 5 with the debtor.
- 6 MS. SIMMONS: Good morning, Your Honor. Camisha
- 7 Simmons on behalf of the debtor, Brickchurch Enterprises, Inc.
- 8 MS. BLOUIN: Good morning. Louise Blouin.
- 9 THE CLERK: What was her name?
- 10 THE COURT: Blouin. And for JGB?
- 11 MR. KANOWITZ: Good morning, Your Honor. Richard
- 12 Kanowitz, Haynes and Boone, on behalf of JGB. With me is
- 13 Michael Pfiffer (ph.) as well as Greg Kramer. And we also have
- 14 Brett Capone, principal of JGB, in the court with us.
- 15 THE COURT: All right. And then Office of the United
- 16 States Trustee?
- 17 MR. BIRMINGHAM: Good morning, Judge. William
- 18 Birmingham, Office of the United States Trustee.
- 19 THE COURT: Do we have any other parties-in-interests?
- MR. ALLERDING: Good morning, Your Honor. John
- 21 Allerding of Thompson Hine on behalf of Baypoint Capital
- 22 Partners II LP, proposed DIP lender, along with John Isbell and
- 23 Curtis Tuggal (ph.).
- UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Your Honor.
- MR. ALLERDING: And also we have Charles Andros with



- 1 us from Baypoint.
- THE COURT: Is it Mr. Harding is it?
- 3 MR. ALLERING: Allerding, A-L-L-E-R-D-I-N-G.
- 4 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 5 MR. ALLERDING: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Anyone else?
- 7 MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, are we requiring counsel to
- 8 come to the podium or are we -- staying over here, just want
- 9 to --
- 10 THE COURT: Right now I'm just calling the room. So
- is there anyone else who wants to make an appearance?
- MS. SIMMONS: Yes, Your Honor. The debtor filed the
- 13 retention application for Duane Morris as a special litigation
- 14 counsel. And Brad Messenger of Duane Morris is here.
- 15 MR. MESSENGER: Good morning, Your Honor. Good to see
- 16 you.
- 17 THE COURT: Good morning. Anyone else?
- 18 All right. Let me go over a few housekeeping issues.
- 19 First, in terms of health and safety COVID protocols, the Court
- 20 did require that in advance of the hearings, the parties notify
- 21 the Court through my courtroom deputy as to the vaccination
- 22 status. The names that the Court received indicated that
- everyone who planned to be present had been vaccinated.
- We may have more people in the courtroom than we have
- listed on the appearance sheet. So because the vaccination



- 1 status is a health and safety issue, but also a personal health
- and safety issue, I don't put this information, your name, on
- 3 the record.
- 4 So for those of you who are present who have not --
- 5 who have not disclosed your vaccination status, you need to
- 6 leave your masks on at all times. For those of you who are
- 7 present who did indicate your vaccination status as vaccinated,
- 8 you can take your mask off if you wish to do so. Anyone who
- 9 wishes to keep their mask on is welcome to do so as a health
- 10 and safety matter. And anyone who has disclosed to the Court
- 11 that they are fully vaccinated, you may take and keep your mask
- off throughout the proceedings if you wish to do so. If you
- have to keep it on, you're certainly welcome to do that as
- 14 well.
- In terms of the issues for this morning, since I see a
- 16 lot of notebooks and not a lot of smiles, I take that to mean
- 17 that you all have -- the debtor and JGB have not settled. Is
- 18 that --
- MR. KANOWITZ: That would be correct, Your Honor.
- 20 MS. SIMMONS: Yes, Your Honor. At this point, no
- 21 settlement has been made.
- THE COURT: When was the last time you all had a
- 23 meaningful settlement discussion?
- UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, we had one the other day.
- MS. SIMMONS: There have been communications, Your



- 1 Honor, back and forth throughout the process. And there's
- 2 always the possibility of settlement up until the time for
- 3 payment.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. Then in my ongoing endeavor to
- 5 not be cryptic with the parties, and I'll repeat what I'm
- 6 pretty sure I said last time we gathered when we gathered
- 7 virtually, one of the reasons that I had you all docket a
- 8 letter as to how much was not in dispute as to what was owed to
- 9 JGB and how much was in dispute as to JGB was for me to get a
- 10 sense of, first, whether there is enough money proposed to come
- in from the security lender to cover the fifty-two-million-
- dollar threshold that the Court had set, and two, to see if a
- 13 protocol could be worked out where if the loan is approved and
- 14 funded in time, JGB would be paid the undisputed amount which
- 15 you both -- which the debtor and JGB appear to agree to the
- same undisputed amount, although there was no indication of one
- of the debtors letters that there may be 120-dollar difference.
- 18 I'm not sure why that is.
- But the information the Court has right now is that
- 20 the debtor JGB agree that JGB is owed on an undisputed basis a
- secured claim of \$46,452,271.51. And there's a dispute as to
- 4.6 million dollars or so. You have agreed to the same
- 23 disputed number. You don't agree -- you at least agree to the
- 24 same disputed number. And so my math tells that those numbers
- 25 add up to less than fifty-two million dollars and that the



- 1 problem hearing the proposed DIP lender had said that their
- 2 proposed loan was fifty-two million dollars plus the add-ons,
- 3 the lender's finance fee, and et cetera.
- 4 So my question now to you all is, are you all amenable
- 5 to the protocol that I'm pretty sure I suggested last time that
- 6 if the loan is approved, the undisputed portion is paid, paid
- 7 by the deadline that the Court had previously fixed, the
- 8 disputed person is safely held somewhere while you-all guickly
- 9 duke out how much of the -- how much of the disputed portion
- 10 should then be paid?
- MR. KANOWITZ: Yes. Yes, Your Honor. From JBG's --
- 12 THE COURT: You can -- it might be easier -- but to
- answer Ms. Simmons' question -- it'll be easier just for the
- 14 audio system to just work now from the lectern.
- 15 MR. KANOWITZ: For the record, Richard Kanowitz on
- 16 behalf of JGB.
- 17 Your Honor, the answer is yes, subject to obviously
- 18 clarification concerning the DIP order and the payment motion
- 19 and making sure the mechanisms and processes are safeguarded
- 20 for JGB's adequate protection in the indemnity reserve and
- 21 other types of things that you are alluding to in the disputed
- 22 category would be escrowed by a third-party escrow agent held
- 23 for the benefit until such further order of the Court.
- 24 There is no -- another potential issue though that we
- 25 brought up. And we can address it at the appropriate time.



- 1 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Simmons?
- MS. SIMMONS: Camisha Simmons on behalf of the debtor,
- 3 Brickchurch Enterprises, Inc.
- 4 Your Honor, as aware in our pleadings, it's the
- 5 debtor's position that that 4.6 million plus JGB is not
- 6 entitled to. As the Court has repeatedly stated in these
- 7 proceedings, the referee report is what the Court is going by.
- 8 So the amount of the asserted for attorneys' fees that are not
- 9 in the foreclosure judgment and actually were crossed out in
- 10 the order of foreclosure, they're not entitled to those
- 11 disputed amounts. And to the extent they haven't paid property
- 12 taxes, they're not entitled to those amounts. And to the
- extent that they want a 2.5 million indemnity reserve and
- burdening the estate with a 2.5-million-dollar indemnity
- 15 reserve, they're not entitled to that amount.
- 16 So it's the debtor's position that that amount should
- 17 not be escrowed. Their allowed secured claim is the undisputed
- 18 amount. And we're asking the Court to award that. Now, we're
- 19 going to abide by any order of the Court in terms of how the
- 20 Court wants to structure this transaction and the payouts.
- 21 However, it's our position that those undisputed amounts
- shouldn't be escrowed because they're not entitled to those
- amounts pursuant to the referee report and according to the
- 24 Court's position in terms of applicable law as to what they're
- 25 entitled to recover.



1 THE COURT: So I think that's a long way of saying no 2 without saying no, that the debtor is not prepared to enter 3 into an agreement. If the Court approves the financing under which the undisputed financials would be paid as soon as the 4 5 loan funds, the disputed portion would be escrowed somewhere, 6 pending determination as to how much of that amount should 7 actually be paid over. 8 MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, the debtor would prefer for 9 that not to be what the Court awards. But the debtor will 10 abide by any order of the Court to move forward in the --11 THE COURT: Yeah. Let me -- so just again, and in the 12 interest of not being cryptic, this hearing is not going to end 13 with the loan being approved and the disputed portion not being escrowed. And so if that advances the potential conversation 14 15 or not, I would welcome you all to have a further conversation. But there's simply not a way that this hearing runs today with 16 17 the Court approving the loan and the disputed portion not being 18 asked for pending determination of how much that's owed or not. 19 That would be a complete failure of adequate protection to the 20 secured creditor. 21 And so since we're clearly not going to do that, I 22 would welcome you to take about twenty or thirty minutes and see if you can figure out how the escrow the funds, with whom 23 24 to escrow funds, and which court is going to decide how much of 25 the escrowed funds get to be paid over and under what time

1 line.

2 One thing that I've learned in my fourteen-plus years sitting on this side of the bench on top of the twenty-3 4 four-plus years sitting on that side of the bench, is that 5 money sitting in escrow doesn't do a whole lot of good for 6 anybody other than maybe the escrow agent who probably isn't 7 earning a whole lot of interest on it anyway. 8 And so I recognize that you all have a state court 9 appeal pending. I recognize that there are some pure 10 bankruptcy issues on liability and some pure state law issues 11 on liability. And so I can see a scenario where one of you 12 says, well, I'd rather have the state court decide categories 1 13 through 6 but have the Bankruptcy Court decide categories 7, 8, 14 and 9 of the dispute. I mean, that's certainly theoretically 15 viable, but it's probably going to take a lot more time. 16 so if the old -- if the age-old adage is true, that time is 17 money, I would invite you all to try to figure out a mechanism, 18 again, if you amenable. 19 If you're not amenable, then we'll have the hearing and I'll make my orders. And you all can pretty much with 20 21 99.94 percent accuracy and figure out what's going to happen 22 for the undisputed -- for the disputed dollars. Maybe you all 23 can have a meaningful conversation for twenty or thirty minutes 24 to see if you can edge out the rest of it. But also said, it 25 is 99.94 percent unlikely that I'm going to approve the DIP

- 1 motion and dismiss the case. So if are banking -- if you are
- 2 hedging the prospects of the case being dismissed and the
- 3 financing approved, I can sort of take that one off your --
- 4 what's under the river card if you have plans in Texas Hold 'Em
- 5 here. So --
- 6 MR. KANOWITZ: May I address the Court, Your Honor?
- 7 THE COURT: Yes.
- 8 MR. KANOWITZ: And I'm addressing it not because of
- 9 anything that you said in the objection. I think that's
- 10 exactly what should have happened already in this case.
- But I'm addressing it so that Ms. Blouin understands
- where we are from JGB's perspective, because we've communicated
- 13 a very favorable offer to this debtor.
- JGB's position is abundantly clear. We want to be
- indefeasibly paid in full period, end of story. We want a
- 16 general release. We want to go on with our life. If the
- 17 debtor wants to do this DIP, they can do the DIP. What they
- 18 can do two things from our perspective: 1, a lien on nondebtor
- 19 property to do this DIP and not give us adequate protection.
- 20 And so that goes to the crux of what you're saying, which is we
- 21 need to have indemnity reserve. We need to have the escrow put
- 22 in place. And we need Your Honor to make rulings because it's
- 23 a bankruptcy issue. We're an oversecured creditor by their own
- 24 admission. They're looking to combine the compound, which,
- again, earlier in this case, that's the path we should have



- 1 taken. We didn't. And now it's -- now we're having a compound
- 2 discussion. They're asking you to approve a DIP with a
- 3 nondebtor. So all I'm saying from -- we communicated and also
- 4 the level below the foreclosure judgment amount, full releases.
- 5 We didn't get anywhere.
- 6 THE COURT: Well, I don't want to know who offered
- 7 what to who and who demanded what and all that who shot John
- 8 part. Right now I'm just trying to figure out that can you all
- 9 agree on how to fight about the part that I think you're
- 10 actually fighting about, which is how to treat the
- 11 4.6-billion-dollar escrow. But I'm not asking you all -- I
- mean, it'd be great if you came back in twenty minutes and said
- 13 we settled all of it, the number is X, and we're going to get
- 14 it in fourteen days and we're done.
- But right now I'm just asking you to talk about
- 16 whether you can agree on mechanically how we get a decision out
- of which court on the disputed portion. I don't want either of
- 18 you to misread me. I've not decided what was in those eight or
- 19 nine categories is actually allowable. I'm not making any
- decisions like yeah, it's 4.695, they're going to end up
- 21 getting all of it. I'm not there. I'm just trying to see if
- 22 you all can agree on mechanically which court is going to
- 23 decide those amounts and how to do that in the most
- 24 cost-effective and efficient manner.
- I'm also not asking to take more work from you, but I



- 1 recognize the realm of the case is that dispute needs to be
- 2 decided. It should be decided relatively quickly because,
- 3 again, that that amount of money just sitting there -- by that
- 4 amount, I mean just under 4.7 million dollars, doesn't really
- 5 help -- doesn't really help anybody.
- 6 MR. KANOWITZ: Very well, Your Honor. We're prepared
- 7 to have those discussions as you direct.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. So I'm going to recess you all
- 9 until -- fifteen lawyer minutes is really thirty tick-tock
- 10 on-the-clock minutes. So why don't you all come back in at
- 11 12:20? And we'll see where we are.
- MR. KANOWITZ: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 Your Honor, I would just we'll let your court
- 14 personnel know we're sort of on our way but not going to be
- 15 completed at 12:20, that's okay.
- 16 THE COURT: Yeah, I'll have Ms. Mills come back with
- 17 at 12:20. And if everybody smiling and going like this, she'll
- 18 bring me back in. And if I see some -- if she sees some
- frowning faces, then she'll bring me in, okay?
- MR. KANOWITZ: We'll just do thumbs up,, all right?
- 21 Thumbs up, thumbs down works great. Thank you all. We'll be
- in recess then until 12:20. We'll go off the record.
- 23 (Recess from 11:51 a.m., until 1:14 p.m.)
- 24 THE COURT: Back on the record on Brickchurch
- 25 Enterprises, 22-70914. Ms. Simmons and Mr. Kanowitz?



- 1 MR. KANOWITZ: Yes, Your Honor. Good afternoon.
- 2 First, the parties, all of here, the attorneys, the clients, we
- 3 do appreciate the patience that you had with us today. Yeah.
- 4 Your directions to us, I bore fruit. And we're pleased to
- 5 report a resolution of the entire case as between the debtor,
- 6 JGB, and the guarantors under the JGB loan documents.
- 7 Obviously, everything is subject to definitive
- 8 documentation. And there are certain housecleaning things that
- 9 we probably need to do for the record. But if we can describe
- 10 for you in the 30,000-foot viewpoint of -- from us what we're
- 11 trying to accomplish and what we're going to be doing over the
- 12 next couple of days. And then, obviously, I believe the debtor
- wants to move forward on the DIP hearing and make sure that the
- 14 proper factual predicate for Your Honor granting it and giving
- 15 the proposed DIP lender its protections, et cetera, are on the
- 16 record.
- 17 Clearly we have work to do on that form of order, but
- 18 we'll deal with the administrative stuff. So --
- 19 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. KANOWITZ: I'll be happy to tell you what the
- 21 big-picture settlement is. And obviously the debtor's counsel
- 22 could correct me if I miss it. But bottom line is, and again,
- 23 subject to definitive documentation, is JGB will be paid 44.5
- 24 million dollars. It will be paid at closing. The hope is that
- 25 closing will happen by November 9th. However, we're going to



- 1 bake into the documents that they do have till November 30th of
- 2 2022 to get it done. There is some issues with Suffolk County.
- 3 Hopefully title gets issued, and we can move forward faster.
- 4 So that's the big ticket as to the number.
- 5 As to what's going to happen with these loan documents
- 6 and proofs of claim for the benefit of the proposed DIP lender
- 7 at closing and subject to being paid, JGB is going to assign
- 8 all of the loan documents to the DIP lender as well as its
- 9 proofs of claim. How the DIP lender proceeds from there, it's
- 10 up to the DIP lender. There is assignments of all the loan
- 11 documents, including its proofs of claims, are going to be
- 12 without recourse to JGB, meaning we are giving them what they
- 13 what they get and we're done with them. We're going to need a
- 14 release as to those loan documents and assignments from
- 15 Baypoint. And we'll build that into the documents.
- As to the debtor's estate, once the 45 -- once 44.5 is
- 17 paid, the parties are going to enter into releases from the
- 18 beginning to the date of the release. And the loan parties are
- 19 going to be obviously the debtor, Brickchurch, Aberdeen who is
- 20 a nondebtor because that's 376 Gin Lane because that is that is
- 21 one of the properties that's coming on to the DIP, the two
- 22 quarantors, and anybody else.
- The only thing that I would say to you, Your Honor, is
- 24 while we're going to ask for this debtor to sign a release to
- 25 be effective, I don't think we should spend time unless you



- direct for a 9019 motion to get him released effective. We're
- 2 going to ask the debtor, to the extent they file a plan, to
- 3 imbed that release and confirm that release by Your Honor's
- 4 order in a plan.
- Now, obviously, if they don't file a plan and move to
- 6 dismiss their case once we're out of it, at least we have the
- 7 writing That Brickchurch gave a release. And obviously they're
- 8 going to have a new lender and the parties go their separate
- 9 way.
- 10 So that that, in a nutshell, is what is going to
- 11 happen as to, again, JGB, Baypoint, the guarantors, as well as
- 12 the debtor and the nondebtor.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. KANOWITZ: As to the DIP, yes, we are withdrawing
- 15 our objection provided of course that the deal closes. So as
- 16 to the various different liens that the DIP lender is going to
- 17 get, they need to be subordinate to JGB until such time as
- 18 they're paid off, which makes sense because the assignments and
- 19 everything is going to be affected as of closing. So we have
- 20 to tweak the language. So we state that on our objection. We
- 21 leave it to the debtor to convince the Court that in its
- 22 business judgment, it should proceed with the DIP. I believe
- there are certain other things that need to be put on the
- record, but that's the universe where we are.
- THE COURT: All right. And for clarity, 44,500,000



- 1 dollars?
- 2 MR. KANOWITZ: Correct.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Okay. Ms. Simmons?
- 4 MS. SIMMONS: Yes, Your Honor. Good things happen.
- 5 There is a God above. And so we worked out a deal. Me, in
- 6 conjunction with Baypoint, are going to run through the numbers
- 7 in terms of what was worked out and what the financing package
- 8 looks like before we go into of course the evidentiary hearing.
- 9 MR. ISBELL: Thank you, Your Honor. John Isbell,
- 10 Baypoint.
- 11 First of all, I wanted to agree with what counsel for
- 12 JFB said as far as the value of the release as far as recourse
- 13 and specific release as far as the loan documents. We agree
- 14 with that.
- 15 In terms of the total loan amount, it looks like this
- 16 is still subject to a few moving parts, but looks like it's
- 17 going to come in about 61.3 million total. Of that amount,
- 18 fifty-two million will go to the estate. Of that fifty-two
- million rough numbers, it looks like 44.5 million to JGB, 3.1
- 20 million will establish a six-month interest reserve for the
- 21 debtor so the debtor doesn't have to make monthly interest
- 22 payments, It looks like 250,000 to the U.S. Trustee,
- approximately 475,000 in taxes and claims. And then we've
- 24 allocated another 250,000 in legal which will leave a little
- 25 bit of cushion in the estate, roughly about 3.4 million dollars



- of a cushion in the estate at that point, subject to the loan
- documents, what would be mandatory paydowns and whatnot, once
- 3 claims are paid.
- 4 On top of the fifty-two million going to the estate,
- 5 there's roughly 5.6 million in origination fees. 2.6 million
- 6 has been allocated to reinstate the loan on the nondebtor
- 7 property for Morgan Stanley, 400,000 roughly legal to document
- 8 the deal, roughly 400,000 dollars of recording taxes and for
- 9 New York, and then the real estate broker of the 310-. That
- 10 gets us to roughly the \$61.3 million.
- 11 Charles Andros is here on behalf of Baypoint, has
- 12 submitted an affidavit. He can attest to those numbers and the
- 13 materials in his affidavit as well as going through the process
- of identifying the debtor, doing diligence on this loan to
- 15 satisfy the good-faith requirements that we have in the DIP
- 16 order as well.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay.
- MS. SIMMONS: And, Your Honor, I will concur those
- 19 numbers.
- In terms of moving to the evidentiary portion, we
- 21 have, of course, submitted our witness and exhibit list, and we
- 22 have three witnesses: Mr. Andros at Baypoint, Ms. Blouin,
- 23 principal of the debtor, and also Geoff Gifkins of Nest Seekers
- 24 International.
- We didn't submit our recent affidavit for Mr. Gifkins,



- 1 but they are numerous affidavits attesting to the marketing and
- 2 sale process of Mr. Gifkins on the record and on other exhibit
- 3 lists.
- 4 So Your Honor, I know your process is to have direct
- 5 testimony serve through affidavit.
- 6 THE COURT: Ms. Simmons -- I'm sorry, Ms. Simmons.
- 7 Before we get to that evidentiary part, I would like to get
- 8 confirmation on the record from the debtor's principal that the
- 9 settlement as announced on the record has been agreed to by the
- 10 principal of the debtor. And then I would like to get the same
- 11 from the principal of JGB.
- MS. SIMMONS: So Ms. Blouin, as you have heard the
- 13 testimony regarding the settlement, the line-item numbers of
- 14 the settlement, and also the information regarding the global
- 15 release with JGB, do you agree with what was stated on the
- 16 record in terms of what was agreed to today during these
- 17 proceedings?
- MS. BLOUIN: I do.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 20 And Mr. Kanowitz, for your client?
- 21 MR. KANOWITZ: Yes. Mr. Cohen is here.
- 22 And likewise, Mr. Cohen, do you affirm the resolution
- of this matter for the terms and conditions as described on the
- 24 record, subject to definitive documentation?
- MR. COHEN: Yes.



- 1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 2 And I'm going to get the same from Mr. Andros, but
- 3 he's testifying about the financing. So I would take that
- 4 as -- from the testimony that he would be presenting rather
- 5 than an affirmation of the settlement.
- And so Ms. Simmons, the part where I interrupted you
- 7 was where you were talking about how I how I take the
- 8 testimony. And you're right, I do take that by a by direct.
- 9 And so in the witness and exhibit list that was submitted by
- 10 the debtor, I do have Ms. Blouin's affidavit at Exhibit D and
- 11 then Mr. Andros's affidavit as Exhibit E as in Edward, so D as
- 12 in David, E as in Edward.
- 13 What I typically do this is I'll have the witness come
- 14 forward, affirm the statements contained in the affidavit are
- 15 true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief,
- 16 tender them for cross if anybody has cross. I'm supposing
- 17 that's a no now where we are, but still to have that
- 18 opportunity.
- 19 So let's just go ahead and proceed in that fashion.
- 20 If you're now wanting to move to the evidentiary portion of the
- 21 bond motion, I was waiting to hear -- because I am still not in
- 22 the assuming business -- that the motion to dismiss is
- 23 withdrawn based upon the settlement put on the record.
- MR. KANOWITZ: Well, Your Honor, I was going to ask
- 25 you -- again, Richard Kanowitz, sorry, for the record.



- I was going to ask you, how would you like to proceed?
- I don't want to rain on anybody's parade, but if the deal
- doesn't close, there's no DIP liens, we're still back in
- 4 bankruptcy. I think the best thing for us to do is to carry
- 5 everything forward to a date sometime in December. And
- 6 hopefully we just never get there.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Simmons, does that work
- 8 for you?
- 9 MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, of course. The debtor would
- 10 prefer that they withdraw their motion to dismiss.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. Well, I'm going to carry it under
- 12 the assumption that it moots because it would be for those
- obvious reason. So let's go ahead -- do you want to bring Ms.
- 14 Blouin first or do you want to do Mr. Andros first?
- MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, we can bring Ms. Blouin
- 16 first to the stand.
- 17 THE COURT: All right.
- MS. SIMMONS: Ms. Blouin?
- 19 THE COURT: So Ms. Blouin if you'll -- you probably
- 20 won't spend a lot of time there. But if you'll got to the
- 21 witness stand over to your right. And when you get there, just
- remain standing so that I can swear you in.
- 23 Is that on now? There's a HEPA filter in the witness
- 24 box. That's what -- Ms. Blouin, would you raise your right
- 25 hand?



- 1 (Witness sworn)
- THE COURT: All right. So you can sit down.
- 3 Ms. Blouin, the Court is in receipt of an affidavit
- 4 dated as of October 21, 2022. It's filed at ECF docket item
- 5 146. Is that is that your exhibit book there, Ms. Simmons?
- 6 MS. SIMMONS: What was that, Your Honor?
- 7 THE COURT: Is that your exhibit book?
- 8 MS. SIMMONS: Yes. The white exhibit book is
- 9 debtor's.
- MS. BLOUIN: Sorry. I can't hear very well because I
- 11 have a machine next to me.
- 12 THE COURT: If you would open that exhibit book --
- MS. SIMMONS: Yes.
- 14 THE COURT: -- for the document from line 10, D as in
- 15 David. D as in David.
- 16 MS. BLOUIN: Okay. Thank you. I can't hear you very
- 17 well because I have a fan next to me.
- 18 THE COURT: Yeah.
- MS. BLOUIN: Yes.
- THE COURT: Is that an affidavit that you executed?
- MS. BLOUIN: Yes.
- 22 THE COURT: And are the statements in that affidavit
- true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief?
- MS. BLOUIN: Correct. Yes.
- THE COURT: So the Court is admitting Exhibit D.



- 1 (Affidavit of Louise Blouin was hereby received into
- 2 evidence as Debtor's Exhibit D, as of this date.)
- 3 THE COURT: Well, do you have any questions you want
- 4 to ask Ms. Blouin, Ms. Simmons?
- 5 MS. SIMMONS: No, Your Honor. We'll rest on her
- 6 affidavit.
- 7 THE COURT: Any cross either from JGB or the United
- 8 States Trustee?
- 9 MR. BIRMINGHAM: No, Your Honor.
- MR. KANOWITZ: No, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. State your name because I know who
- 12 you are, but the audio doesn't, the U.S. Trustee's Office.
- MR. BIRMINGHAM: William Birmingham, Office of the
- 14 United States Trustee. No questions, Judge.
- 15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- Ms. Blouin, you may return to your seat.
- MS. BLOUIN: Thank you.
- 18 MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, next the Debtor will call
- 19 Mr. Charles Andros of Baypoint Advisors.
- THE COURT: Mr. Andros, when you get to the witness
- 21 stand, just remain standing so I can swear you in. If you
- 22 would raise your right hand.
- 23 (Witness sworn)
- 24 THE COURT: In the exhibit book behind Tab E as in
- 25 Edward, do you see the affidavit with your name?



- 1 MR ANDROS: Yes.
- THE COURT: Do you (indiscernible) affidavit?
- 3 MR ANDROS: Yes.
- 4 THE COURT: Are the statements contained in the
- 5 affidavit true and correct to the best of your knowledge and
- 6 belief?
- 7 MR ANDROS: Yes, sir.
- 8 THE COURT: Ms. Simmons, any follow-up in anything
- 9 related to the announcement that was made on the record as to
- 10 the settlement or do you want Mr. -- is it Mr. Allerding?
- 11 MR. ISBELL: I'm Mr. Isbell.
- 12 THE COURT: Oh, Isbell. Sorry. If you'd like to
- 13 handle that part.
- MR. ISBELL: Yes, if I could. I don't know if this
- would be direct or cross, but probably direct since he's my
- 16 client.
- 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. ISBELL:
- 19 Q. Mr. Andros, you have informed the Court that the sources
- 20 of funds a few minutes ago. Is that information -- is that
- 21 reporting accurate?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And Mr. Andros, of that sources of uses, there was roughly
- 24 a 5.6-million-dollar origination fee; is that accurate?
- 25 A. Yes.



- 1 Q. That's what was agreed to by the debtor?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And what are you asking the Court to approve today?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And roughly another 400,000 dollars of it is going to be
- 6 used for professional expenses, diligence fees? Does that
- 7 sound about accurate?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And again, that's the actual fees that are incurred by
- 10 Baypoint documenting this, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- MR. ISBELL: Okay. Nothing further, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Mr. Kanowitz?
- MR. KANOWITZ: Your Honor, we have no questions at
- 15 this time. Thank you.
- THE COURT: Mr. Birmingham?
- MR. BIRMINGHAM: No questions, Judge.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Andros, you may return to
- 19 your seat. Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 21 THE COURT: Ms. Simmons?
- MS. SIMMONS: Yes, Your Honor. I need to get back to
- 23 the motion to dismiss in terms of admission of certain exhibits
- 24 since that's being carried. But in terms of moving forward
- 25 with the evidentiary portion of the DIP financing, the debtor



- 1 is resting on the testimony presented in the affidavits and the
- 2 questioning that's been done at this hearing.
- 3 In terms of whether or not the requirements of Section
- 4 364 have been met, yes, Your Honor, the proposed financing is
- 5 within the sound exercise of the business judgment of the
- 6 debtor. As presented in the affidavits, testimony, this
- 7 financing was the best available. And the debtor had been
- 8 searching for months to find the best available deal through a
- 9 loan broker utilized. And this financing, of course, Your
- 10 Honor, fifty-two million -- up to fifty-two million to satisfy
- 11 all creditors' claims in this case, of course, is in the best
- 12 interests of the estate and creditors.
- And for those reasons, Your Honor, we're asking that
- 14 the Court approve the proposed DIP financing with the proposed
- 15 DIP lender Baypoint Advisors.
- 16 THE COURT: For benefit of the record, I'm going to
- 17 admit the debtor's Exhibits A through J.
- 18 (Debtor's Exhibits were hereby received into evidence as
- 19 Debtor's Exhibit A through J, as of this date.)
- THE COURT: I'm going to suspend admission of any of
- 21 the JGB exhibits until -- if we get to the motion to dismiss
- 22 hearing. So the record will not consist of -- stated on the
- record, the debtor's Exhibits A through J and the testimony
- 24 elicited here this afternoon.
- Mr. Kanowitz?



- 1 MR. KANOWITZ: Yes, Your Honor. As reported, we
- 2 withdraw our objection and subject to just working out the
- 3 mechanics so that the DIP liens obviously don't get granted
- 4 today. They are subject to JGB's liens until paid off. And
- 5 same thing with the adequate protection type of claims and
- 6 liens. We're okay with the debtor moving forward with this
- 7 process. Thank you.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Isbell?
- 9 MR. ISBELL: Yes, Your Honor. And that's certainly
- 10 correct. We wouldn't ask that we prime them prior to them
- 11 being paid off. So there may be a tweak or two to the proposed
- 12 DIP order that we need to clarify that. But we'll get that
- 13 submitted shortly for Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- Mr. Birmingham?
- MR. BIRMINGHAM: Judge, we don't we don't have any
- 17 issues. The only issue that we didn't really have is whether
- 18 the debtor will potentially have the ability to repay this
- 19 loan. But we don't -- we're not going to make the argument
- 20 that this is outside of the -- that the debtor is not using
- 21 prudent business judgment. So we have no objection, Judge.
- THE COURT: All right. So then the Court
- is prepared to approve the proposed financing with Baypoint
- 24 both as set out in the pleadings as well as updated, if you
- will, by the statements on the record, both by counsel for



- 1 Baypoint and by Mr. Andros in his testimony. The Court does
- 2 find that this is a proper exercise by the debtor of its
- 3 business judgment, that the financing was negotiated at arm's
- 4 length and in good faith. It is necessary to retire the
- 5 primary lien against the primary asset of the estate. And the
- 6 Court would make the requisite additional findings, but those
- 7 are the sort of the top four of your debtor-in-possession
- 8 financing motions.
- 9 What I'm anticipating then to happen next is you all
- 10 are going to submit an iterated debtor-in-possession financing
- 11 wherever that has all the bells and whistles necessary to
- implement what was put on the record today. Do you all -- do
- 13 you all -- within a few days from now, sometime next week?
- MR. KANOWITZ: Yes, Your Honor. I think it would be
- 15 appropriate to take some time to make sure that we have the
- 16 mechanics worked out right.
- 17 One other housekeeping, and I don't mean to bring up
- 18 more issues. But the debtor put on a motion for the ability to
- 19 pay. Clearly, the motion for the ability to pay was to pay the
- undisputed because it's outside of a plan process.
- So again, with respect to Your Honor's authority and
- direction, just paying us off, we would be more comfortable if
- 23 there's an order granting that motion and we could tweak that
- order to deal with the appropriate resolution of the settlement
- and not be technically a 9019 but authorize the debtor to make

- 1 that payment so that the DIP order and that -- there's a
- 2 package gets the parties to where there's a new lender and the
- 3 old lender is pay off.
- 4 THE COURT: So mechanically, it's fine with me. I've
- 5 got two orders out there already setting this procedure in
- 6 place. So whether it's updating those orders or a fancy new
- 7 order on a different motion that's already pending, I'm okay
- 8 with how you all --
- 9 MR. KANOWITZ: Well, the reason I raise it, I don't
- 10 need to wait to get the DIP order entered, for example, if the
- 11 DIP order is proper containment of the terms and conditions.
- 12 Otherwise, a payoff -- or it doesn't have to be the DIP order.
- 13 We could try to put it together. I'm just trying to say move
- it along as fast as possible so Your Honor could get orders
- 15 entered.
- 16 THE COURT: I'll enter it as quick as I go. And we
- 17 can have you all sign what -- it's up to you. But they're not
- 18 advancing till they have the Dip order. So I'm not sure if
- 19 there's a -- who comes first as far as the order will go, but
- they're not going to advance without the DIP order anyway. So
- 21 whether you all do it as one order, separate orders, it's all
- 22 going to happen together.
- MR. KANOWITZ: And I quess we can feel most
- 24 comfortable if Your Honor allows or permits or directs the
- debtor to pay off to consummate the DIP order and allows us to



- 1 receive the proceeds. If you so say it on the record, that
- 2 would give us all the parties comfort to know we're moving
- 3 forward.
- 4 THE COURT: Ms. Simmons?
- 5 MS. SIMMONS: Yes, Your Honor. Pursuant to our motion
- to pay that we requested a hearing on today, the debtor, in
- 7 order to stop the accrual the interest, we've reached a
- 8 settlement. But the intention was to stop the accrual of
- 9 interest. We wanted to be able to pay JGB at closing to
- 10 extinguish, of course, the liens. And so we want, of course,
- 11 the Court's authority today to be able to pay them at closing
- instead of at the time of plan confirmation should a plan be
- 13 confirmed in this case.
- 14 THE COURT: That's all fine because, again,
- 15 mechanically, whatever lets you all sleep better tonight in
- terms of an order for me that says you can borrow money and you
- 17 can pay them, that's fine with me because the Baypoint liens
- aren't going to spring into existence under the DIP order until
- 19 you paid off JGB anyway. So, again, however you all want to
- 20 address that, if it's one twenty-five-pager and one five-pager,
- 21 that's fine with me. At the end of the day, Baypoint gets
- 22 their liens by paying off and taking assignments of the JGB
- 23 liens.
- Everything after that is, again, how you all feel more
- comfortable actually doing it, although the most comfort is



- 1 going to come when somebody is looking at their wires and sees
- 2 it hit. So that's when Mr. Cohen will be comfortable with it
- 3 at that point. But it's not when I say it can happen but when
- 4 the money hits his account.
- 5 So go ahead and submit those orders. What I would --
- on the DIP order, just circling back to mechanically what needs
- 7 to happen. there are -- and this may already be addressed in
- 8 the draft that you all submitted, that there are nondebtor
- 9 parties who are binding themselves to do things under my order.
- I do want them to sign off on that order because,
- 11 while it's fun for me to order nondebtors to do stuff, it's
- more fun when I can actually enforce that order should the need
- 13 arise. And given the questions certainly of jurisdiction to do
- 14 things, I want to have the nondebtors who are doing stuff under
- the DIP order like pledging collateral or like signing
- 16 quarantees to actually sign off on the DIP order consent to
- 17 enter so that it's clearly effective when I sign it because
- 18 they've all said, yeah, I'm going to do that. Okay? So
- 19 whatever mechanically needs to happen to get them signing on
- 20 board, you all just -- and I know it would be baked in. But
- 21 for my purposes, I want to see they have signed, approved for
- 22 entry on the DIP order. I think that makes Mr. Isbell happier
- anyway, if not Mr. Andros.
- MR. ISBELL: Yes, Your Honor. Enforceability is
- always something that's good to have in a DIP order.



- 1 THE COURT: So on a mechanical -- the next question,
- leaving hopefully nothing substantive to guess, what I think
- 3 I'm hearing now is that when the dust settles and the champagne
- 4 has been uncorked, the debtor actually wants to proceed through
- 5 to confirm a plan. I know there's a plan on file, but the
- 6 debtor is at this point wanting to move to confirm the plan or
- 7 you all want to figure out whether or not to move forward with
- 8 that or to dismissal.
- 9 MS. SIMMONS: Your Honor, that is still being decided.
- 10 As of today, the debtor plans to move forward with confirming.
- 11 But we still need to consult and figure out what the best
- 12 option is going forward.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay. o what we're going to do is get to
- 14 a docket control date -- December 14th at 11:30. December 14th
- at 11:30. For Mr. Kanowitz's purposes, that will be the carry
- date of the motion to dismiss. For my purposes, it's going to
- 17 be an adjourned status conference. I don't think there's
- 18 enough time between what you all need to do in the next few
- 19 days and then to then actually make that any sort of
- 20 substantive hearing on confirmation or disclosure statements.
- 21 So I'll table that.
- But the two-pronged conversation that I think you're
- 23 next going to be having with Mr. Birmingham is their view on
- 24 dismissal if the debtor opts to go that route, or if not,
- 25 whether or not the U.S. Trustee's Office would consent to a



- 1 combined hearing on plan and disclosure statement because
- 2 there's probably stuff to do, just not a whole lot of stuff to
- 3 do at that hopeful juncture.
- 4 So in that kind of scenario to save money and time,
- 5 I'm fine moving to a combined hearing on plan and disclosure
- 6 statement, just have that conversation with Mr. Birmingham's
- 7 office. And then we'll be setting calendar for all of those
- 8 things come December 14th. All right? So that'll be December
- 9 14th at 11:30.
- 10 Ms. Simmons, Mr. Kanowitz, you all can flip a coin.
- 11 Somebody draft a letter of the case status and dismiss the
- 12 motion filed to then.
- 13 Anything else that you can think of physically
- 14 gathered here today in person that we ought to address?
- 15 MR. KANOWITZ: No, Your Honor. But we do again for
- 16 the parties do thank you. Very helpful today.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, we just provided you a meeting
- 18 space. You all did the hard part. So with the Court's
- 19 appreciation, I know this has been going on for quite some time
- 20 and particularly to Ms. Blouin and Mr. Cohen. I know that you
- 21 all have some very deep disagreements about what happened and
- 22 why it happened and who did what to who. And you may in the
- 23 elevator down or the car ride home have some second thoughts
- about was that the right thing, am I happy about what happened,
- you all reached a resolution that has been very hard fought and



- 1 a very long time coming. From what I see in front of me, you
- 2 both have made concessions neither one of you is especially
- 3 happy about.
- But the import I think today with is now this chapter,
- 5 no pun intended, can be closed, and you all can move back and
- on to doing other more productive things because -- and I
- 7 suggest to the principals. You're not going to make any money
- 8 sitting in the courtroom. They're making money sitting in the
- 9 courtroom, and that's okay. Everybody needs to make a living.
- 10 But the clients don't make any money sitting in the courtroom.
- 11 And I'm sure there are more fun and valuable things you all can
- do with your time other than come back and listen to me drone
- on and on.
- So congratulations to you all for getting this work
- done. It took a lot of work from your professionals to get
- there as well. And so the Court's appreciation to them for
- 17 what they have done.
- Now, please just go fall into the end zone and close
- 19 this thing, okay? All right.
- 20 Anything else then for this afternoon on Brickchurch?
- MS. SIMMONS: NO, Your Honor. The debtor has nothing
- 22 further.
- THE COURT: All right. Very well. Well, go forth and
- 24 get the money and make it so. Again, the Court appreciations,
- 25 best wishes. And the Court will now be in recess. And we'll



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1	go off the record.
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